



"TRUTH WITHOUT FEAR."

BLOOMSBURG:

SATURDAY, NOV. 4, 1837.

The absence of the Editor will excuse any inaccuracies in this number.

PIRACY.—In another part of this paper will be found some details respecting a most daring piracy committed within sight of land off the capes of the Delaware. The excitement which its first announcement produced in Philadelphia may well be imagined, when several of the passengers were citizens of that city, and of course had relatives residing there, who but a day or two before had bid them "God speed" on their voyage in one of our noblest packets. They will scarcely, however, escape the vigilance of the fleet vessels in pursuit; and we hope in our next to be able to announce the capture of "the black vessel," and its numerous crew of desperadoes.

The first number of *The United States Magazine & Democratic Review* has been received; and as a specimen of the forth-coming numbers must secure the patronage of the liberal and enlightened of all parties. The present number contains a very accurate portrait of **THOMAS HART BENTON**, the "Great Expunger," taken by the artist when in the Senate he used that memorable expression—"Solitary and alone I put this ball in motion." Each subsequent number will contain a portrait, together with a biographical sketch, of the distinguished men of our nation. The present one contains 10 sheets of closely printed original matter, embracing every variety of literature, and containing erudite speculations on the doctrines and measures of the great political parties.

The next number will be issued on the first of January next; and those who wish to patronize so valuable a periodical can examine the specimen by calling at our office.

The Morpheus of the "Intelligencer" has opened his peepers, and all at once discovered and proclaimed the popularity of John McReynolds—a fact well known to every body else for many years. He snaps his new grinders, and growls like a hound with a frosted tail. Never mind such unfortunate discoveries of public sentiment, neighbour. Take our advice—keep cool—say nothing—and the People will do "the thing that's right" both in nominating and electing capable and faithful public functionaries. The more the "Intelligencer" snarls and frets the more certain will democracy triumph both at primary meetings and at the ballot-box.

Some people who were busily engaged in boring for the re-charter of the United States Bank in 1836, are now the real genuine Anti-bank Democrats in certain folks' opinions, on account of very recent evidences of change of political creed and sentiment. Supporting Riker in 1832, and the Mammoth Bank in 1836, would, in some sections of the Keystone state, throw a partizan without the pales of the democratic party, and require eight or ten years sackcloth to obtain re-admission as a trust-worthy member. The treachery is not yet forgotten.

The "Berwick Sentinel" has run out of editorial matter since the election. Probably the business of printing and signing shin-plasters occupies all the leisure moments of the little flock who control that nauseous vehicle of libel and corruption.

MILITARY.—There will be a military parade at Miller's tavern, in Mount Pleasant, this day.

THE REFORM CONVENTION.

In our last number we gave rather a disparaging notice of the proceedings of this body; and from the annexed letter it will be seen that our opinions were very erroneous. Now we heartily hope that the predictions of our Delegates may prove correct to the letter; and as it is the first and only information received from them since their re-assembling, we publish the letter entire. They are correct in stating our wishes on the subject of reform; and we would mere-

ly add that the objectionable article was penned as our own opinion, without consultation with any other person, and without intending to "speak the sentiments of the county." If such information had been given us a week since, it probably might have occupied the space of the "ill-timed and unfortunate" article in question; and besides being more congenial with our feelings, afforded considerable interest to our readers and their constituents.

To the Editor of the Columbia Democrat.

HARRISBURG, Oct. 30, 1837.

Dear Sir.—We have noticed with astonishment a paragraph in the "Democrat" of the 28th inst. importing that the Convention is making preparations for an adjournment before it shall have made, or essayed to make the alterations for which it assembled. It further goes on to say that "but little good can be expected from its deliberations," &c. Now, Sir, if any good was ever justly expected to flow from the calling of a Convention, there is at this moment as fair a prospect of that good as at any prior period. What was expected? What did yourself desire? We answer—diminution of executive patronage; election of county officers; limitation of judicial tenure; shortening the senatorial term, &c.; and restrictions on granting acts of incorporation, (especially to banks.) It is perfectly clear that the two first will prevail. We are now discussing the 3d subject, with a fairer prospect of success than at any former period. And even the last subject may prevail, though it is doubtful. Then why adjourn now? That we are extremely anxious for final adjournment is certainly true; but that we shall resist such a motion, until we shall have attained the object of our meeting, or fairly failed therein, is equally true, unless absolutely instructed by a majority of our constituents to vote otherwise. Now, Sir, are we to understand you as meaning to speak the sentiments of the county? and if so, by what authority? If you are speaking only your own opinion, we beg leave to say that we think the assertion ill-timed and quite unfortunate. That time has been unnecessarily consumed we admit; but that constitutes no reason why we should adjourn *sine die* without completing any thing. The democratic members here are generally dissatisfied with the paragraph, coming as it does from a democratic paper. If it be an "Experiment," who are in fault? We say a majority of the voters of our County; so we should forbear from sarcasm. The paragraph in question operates as a fair basis for conservative triumph.

We remain your friends,

EZRA S. HAYHURST,
GEORGE SMITH.

THE NEXT GOVERNOR.

We perceive that our democratic brethren of the press, in various parts of the commonwealth, are turning their attention to the question of the Governor's election, and, we are gratified to say, that, with only one or two exceptions, the discussion is carried on with the proper spirit. Although, in several instances, a preference for particular individuals has been manifested, yet that preference has been universally accompanied by the truly democratic pledge to abide by the decision of the nominating Convention to be held on the 4th of March next. This is as it should be. Let the opinions of the members of the party in every section of the State be freely and fully expressed—let the spirit of concession to the will of the majority, which has been thus far exhibited, be cherished and carried out—let the delegates appointed to attend the nominating Convention inform themselves as to the feelings and the wishes of their constituents—and there cannot be even a remote cause to fear that such a selection will not be made as will insure to the democratic party a most triumphant victory. Our opponents are calculating largely upon disunion in our ranks, but time will show, to their cost, that they have "reckoned without their host." The democracy of Pennsylvania have seen the power accidentally entrusted to our present rulers abused and perverted; they have seen the ascertained will of the people trampled upon and basely disregarded—and they now see that a united and vigorous exertion on their part is all that is required to remove the evils under which we labour, and to consign our present rulers to that obscurity from which they should never have been suffered to emerge. Under these circumstances, that individual of the democratic party would be recreant to the high and holy impulses of duty and of patriotism who would, for one moment, permit an indulgence of personal prejudices or preferences to endanger the success of his principles, and jeopard the future prosperity of the commonwealth. But we have no fears upon this subject. The democratic party will present an unbroken front. They have the strength to ensure success, and they will not suffer that strength to be impaired by a contest about men.

Upon this question, the course of this paper will be a plain one—such a one as we conceive to be demanded by duty to our feelings, to our principles, and to our party. We, like others, have our personal preferences, but these, we are determined, shall never, for a moment, be obtruded upon the public in a manner to create irritation, or to prevent a concentration upon that individual who may be found best qualified to unite the entire Democratic vote. We go for the *defeat of Joseph Riker and the party by which he is sustained.* To attain that object, we are perfectly content to leave the selection of a candidate to the free and unrestricted action of the convention—satisfied, as we are, that that body will make such a selection as will meet the unqualified approbation of the Democracy of the State.—*Pa. Reporter.*

ALBANY, Oct. 26.

MURDER AND ROBBERY AT ROCHESTER.

Mr. Lyman, a clerk of Mr. Horace Hooker, while on his way to his house, on Monday evening, was SHOT DEAD with a pistol by a robber who came up behind him.

His pockets were rifled of his watch and what money he had in them. In falling, his hat rolled some distance from his body, and was found in the morning, containing \$5000, which it is supposed induced the murder.

Nothing was known of the murder till the next morning, when the body was found.

The report and flash of the pistol was heard and seen, but it was supposed to have been fired at a dog.

The citizens are greatly excited. Several arrests have been made.

The Mayor of the City and the Sheriff of the County have each offered a reward of \$500.

Delicate Fact.—It is estimated that in the city of New York, there are 70,000 unmarried females, & that 40,000 of them are over 16 years of age.

Anecdote.—"We must be unanimous," observed John Hancock, on the occasion of signing the Declaration of Independence. "There must be no pulling different ways—we must all hang together."—"Yes," added Franklin "we must all hang together, or most assuredly we shall all hang separately."

The N. York Sun says: "Robbing hen roosts and cheating printers are the same in Dutch."

The Jerseyman mentions that the young man who was recently arrested in Morris-town for counterfeiting "shin-plasters," has been discharged, as the Grand Jury declined to find a bill—the Jury considered the act of issuing them as illegal as counterfeiting them.

Convention of German Citizens.—A general convention of Germans in the United States will be held at Pittsburg, on Wednesday next, for the purpose of deliberating on matters connected with general literature, public education, and the welfare of Germans in the United States.

The French Indemnity.—The New-York Courier des Etats U. n. n. announces, that the French government has agreed to pay to the U. States the sum of 1,022,185 francs and 92 centimes, as the interest of the four first terms of credit on the twenty-five millions stipulated to be paid by the treaty of July 4th, 1831, but not paid till the 22 of March, 1836—so that our differences with France are now happily settled.

Vegetable Power.—Some years have elapsed since a singular instance of vegetable physical power was noticed in the forcing up of the paving bricks laid down in the market of Taunton, (England.) A similar instance has again occurred near the same place, where several large mushrooms have actually forced up the heavy pavement, and protruded themselves above the level of the surface.

OBITUARY.

DIED.—On the 26th ult. at his residence in Madison township, Mr. JOHN KITCHEN. One of the oldest and most respectable settlers in that district of country, at a very advanced age.

On the 23d ult. at his residence in Lewisburg, Union county, JACOB MUSSER, Esq. aged about 70 years.

CAUTION.

THE subscriber at the Constable's sale of John German's property, in Fishing Creek township, Columbia county, purchased the following articles, viz:—

One Young Sorrel Mare, \$60
One Mantle Clock, 7
and having left said mare and clock in the possession of said John German, he hereby cautions all persons against purchasing or taking an assignment of the same at their peril.

LUTHER A. GERMAN.

Fishing Creek, Oct. 31, 1837.

JURY LIST For November Term.

GRAND JURY.

Bloom—Jacob Melick, Esq.
Catawissa—Jacob Maritz, Jacob Hower Wm. Gearhart.
Derry—Andrew Brittain, J. W. Stamm
Fishing Creek—Benjamin Jones, Esq.
Liberty—Daniel Snyder, Frederick Blue, Wm. Hendrickson.
Madison—John Manning, Caleb Thomas, Esq.
John Funston, William Richard.
Mahoning—Thomas Woodside, John Mowrer, Samuel Gulick, James Childs.
Mifflin—Levi Kirkendall.
Roaring Creek—Anthony Dingler, Samuel Eck, Judah Cherington.
Sugarloaf—John Fulmer, Wm. Coel.

TRAVERSE JURORS.

First week.

Briar Creek—Philip Freas, Amos E. Kitchen, Jacob Shellhammer.
Bloom—Simon Wertman, Philip Eyer, C. G. Ricketts, Henry Geisinger, Geo. Wert, Wm. Robinson.

Catawissa—Geo. Meara, Jesse Cleaver
Derry—William Ellis.
Fishing Creek—John Bright.
Greenwood—William Lemon, James Wilson, Charles Eves.
Henlock—Charles Hartman, Isaiah Barton
Liberty—Henry Shell.

Mifflin—Samuel Crasey, Esq. John Brown, Jacob Gearhart Henry Pettit.
Mahoning—Colin Cameron, Samuel Harman, Wm. Hartman, Wm. Woodside.
Madison—Wm. Haldren, Jacob Demott, Jeremiah Welliver, Jacob Swisher.

Mount Pleasant—Andrew Melick, Jr. John Vance.
Roaring Creek—Abijah John.
Sugarloaf—George Hess, John Lawbauch.

Second week.

Briar Creek—Samuel Heady, Esq.
Bloom—Solomon Newhart.
Catawissa—Jacob Kruck, Benjamin Beaver.
Derry—Adam Tanner, Michael Sappier, David Derr, John F. Butler, Wm. S. Davis.
Fishing Creek—Harman Labor.
Greenwood—John Rihel, Aaron Patterson, Abner Mendenhall.

Henlock—Thomas Hartman, John Quick, Peter Rupert, John Pursel, Geo. Kaufman, Esq. Henry Ohi, Jr. Jacob Leidy, James Emmet.
Limestone—Wm. Tireman, Daniel Wagner, Samuel Oaks.

Mount Pleasant—John Hower.
Mahoning—David Pursel, Jr. Rudolph Sechler, Esq. Joseph Maus, Thomas Benfield.
Mifflin—George A. Bowman Gideon Gensel.

Madison—John Hendershot.
Roaring Creek—Samuel Meara.
Sugarloaf—Andrew Hess, Mathias Appleman, Samuel Shultz.

ISSUE LIST

For Columbia county—November Term.

Valentine Bidleman	vs John Folk
John McKim et al	vs William Scout
William Levan	vs John M. Allen
Henry Weaver,	vs Peter Baldy
James Strawbridge	vs Hugh Allen's Adm'rs.
Comwealth et al	vs Andrew McReynolds
Michael Brobst et al	vs William McKelvy et al.
George Stine	vs Michael Hower
Thomas Woodside	vs Joseph Maus
Jonathan D. Heister et al	vs John McReynolds.
William F. Reynolds	vs William Kitchen
Daniel Musselman	vs Neal McCay et al
John McReynolds	vs Faany Cummings et al
John McReynolds	vs Nancy Cummings.
John McReynolds	vs Christianna Cummings (et al)

John Fulkerson et al	vs Lucas Brass
John McReynolds	vs Alexander Cummings
William Payne	vs William Gibson
William Gibson	vs William Payne



The Subscriber

VERY respectfully informs his friends and the public, that he has always on hand, at his Livery Stable in Bloomsburg, for the purposes of Hire or Exchange, a variety of

Horses, Sulkies, GIGS, WAGGONS AND SLEIGHS, which he will feel gratified to keep in readiness for the accommodation of customers.

Personal application can be made at his residence, when every means will be used to render entire satisfaction to those who may give him a call.

NOAH S. PRENTIS.

Bloomsburg, November 4, 1837.

CREDITORS.

TAKE NOTICE that I have applied to the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, of Columbia county, for the benefit of the insolvent laws of this Commonwealth, and that they have appointed the third Monday of November next, for the hearing of me and my Creditors, at the Court house, in Danville, when and where you may attend if you think proper.

November 4, 1837.

JOHN KINNARD.

HOLLOW WARE, just received, and for sale at the store of J. T. MUSSELMAN, & Co. November 4, 1837.

BAR IRON, Just received, and for sale at the new & cheap store of J. T. Musselman, & Co. November 4, 1837.

For Sale or Trade.

A GIG AND HARNESS WILL be sold very cheap, or given in trade for a Deaumont Waggon, or for Country Produce. Enquire of the Editor of the "Columbia Democrat," or to J. T. MUSSELMAN, & Co. Bloomsburg, Oct. 28, 1837.

WOOD!

A FEW CORDS OF GOOD WOOD will be taken in payment for subscriptions at the Office of the Columbia Democrat. Bloomsburg, Oct. 28, 1837.

A CARD.

Dr. H. Smith, SURGEON DENTIST.

WOULD respectfully announce to the public, that he will be in Bloomsburg on Monday next, the 30th instant, and remain for ten days, at Mr. Daniel Snyder's Hotel. He has just received a great variety of the best selected

INCORRUPIBLE TEETH,

which are warranted not to change colour, while his operations are guaranteed to answer all the ornamental and useful purposes for which they are designed.

The perfect satisfaction of his numerous customers; Danville, during a year's professional services, is the only recommendation which he presumes necessary to secure the calls of those whose decayed Teeth may require the attendance and skill of a Surgeon Dentist.

Ladies will be called upon at their dwellings. Bloomsburg, Oct. 28, 1837.

Doct. SMITH will also visit Orangeville on Monday the 13th of November, and remain a few days at Mr. Isaac C. Johnson's Hotel.

PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, the honorable ELLIS LEWIS President of the Courts of Oyer & Terminer and General Jail Delivery, court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace, and Court of Common Pleas, and Orphan's Court, in the eighth Judicial district, composed of the counties of Northumberland, Union, Columbia, and Lycoming; and the Hon. WILLIAM MOOREHEAD, and LEONARD REBERT, Esquires, associate Judges in Columbia county, have issued their precept bearing date the 26th day of August, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven, and to me directed for holding a court of

General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, Common Pleas & Orphan's Court,

IN DANVILLE, in the county of Columbia, on the third Monday of November next, (being the 20th day) and to continue two weeks.

Notice is therefore hereby given to the coroner, the justices of the peace, and constables of the said county of Columbia, that they be then and there in their proper persons, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of said day, with their records, inquisitions, and other remembrances, to do those things which to their offices appertain to be done. And those who are bound by recognizances, to prosecute against the prisoners that are or may be in the jail of said county of Columbia, are to be then and there to prosecute against them as shall be just. Jurors are requested to be punctual in their attendance, agreeably to their notices.

Dated at Danville, the 26th day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven, and in the 63d year of the independence of the United States of America.

WILLIAM KITCHEN, *Shff.*

NOTICE

IS hereby given, to all Legatees, Creditors, and other persons interested in the estates of the respective decedents, that the administration accounts of the said estates have been filed in the office of the Register of the county of Columbia, and will be presented for confirmation and allowance in the Orphan's Court, to be held at Danville, in and for the county aforesaid, on Tuesday the 21st day of November next, at 3 o'clock P. M.

1st. The account of Henry Didrick, administrator of the estate of Jacob Dedrick, late of Briar Creek township, deceased.

2d. The supplementary account of Jacob Seidel and John Seidel, administrators of the estate of John Seidle, late of Derry township, deceased.

3d. The account of Isaac Stinger, administrator of the estate of Frederick Bodine, late of Liberty township, deceased.

4th. The account of Curtis Stadon, administrator of the estate of Jacob Kline, late of Mount Pleasant township, deceased.

5th. The account of John Sheep and Caleb Thomas, administrators of the estate of Andrew Sheep, late of Derry township, deceased.

6th. The account of John Sheep and William Snyder, administrators of the estate of Barnard Stetler, late of Madison township, deceased.

ALEXR. BEST, Register.
Register's Office, Danville, Oct. 28, 1837.

Legislative Keystone.

During the ensuing session of the legislature, the Keystone will be published twice a week, and contain full reports of the proceedings in both houses. It will also contain an account of the proceedings of the reform convention, which, (judging from similar bodies in other states and the convention that formed our present constitution), will hardly close its session before spring.

The political complexion of the legislature, and the important subject which will necessarily come before it, will render the next session peculiarly interesting. All eyes are turned this way for speedy reform in our present defective currency. Decided action relative to the improvement system is ardently desired in many quarters. These two matters of themselves, form subjects of intense interest to the people at large.

On the 4th of March, a democratic convention will assemble here and nominate a candidate for governor. An account of this, together with the preparatory movements of the party in all quarters, will be faithfully detailed. From these circumstances, there never was a time when a paper from the seat of government will be of such indispensable value to all the citizens of the commonwealth, as for the ensuing six months.

The terms of the Keystone are the same as heretofore.

During the session semi weekly \$2.00

For the year 3.00

Any person forwarding us \$2.00 shall receive the Keystone from the time of subscribing to the close of the session—or six copies sent to any one office for \$10. PACKER, BARRET & PARKE.

Harrisburg, Oct. 21, 1837.

STONE COAL.

100 TON OF A SUPERIOR QUALITY, just received, and for sale at the new and cheap store of J. T. MUSSELMAN, & Co. Oct. 28, 1837.

CAMLET, for Cloaks, for sale very cheap at the new & cheap store of J. T. Musselman, & Co. Sept. 30, 1837.

25 Pieces of assorted Calico, just received, and for sale at the cheap store of J. T. Musselman, & Co. Bloomsburg, October 21, 1837.